

2015 City of Minneapolis Legislative Agenda

Local Government Aid Funding

The City of Minneapolis supports the current Local Government Aid (LGA) program, including increased funding and other resources to local governments.

Property Tax Relief

The City of Minneapolis supports sustained funding for homeowner and renter direct property tax relief programs.

Public Pensions

The City of Minneapolis supports long-term viability of all state-wide public pension funds without overburdening local governments.

Transportation

The City of Minneapolis supports new and sustainable funding for multi-modal transit, roads, and bridges, and secure financial resources to meet both the capital and operational needs of the expanding regional transit and transportation systems.

The City supports a comprehensive transportation bill that provides cities throughout Minnesota with the resources necessary to preserve investments and meet the transportation and transit needs of residents, visitors, and business.

The City also supports the state resources to rehabilitate the 10th Avenue Bridge, which serves as a vital connection over the river between downtown Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota.

Additionally, the City of Minneapolis supports more direct accountability to voters and local government by enhancing the role for cities in the process of determining these key transportation and transit investments.

Municipal Governance

The City of Minneapolis supports special legislation to modify the certification procedure for filling vacant positions in the classified service in the City.

Data Practices

The City of Minneapolis supports legislation that balances the privacy rights of individuals with the use of technology to improve public safety in our communities.

Fire Safety

The City of Minneapolis supports creation of a Community Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) standard to allow fire departments across the state to partner with health care systems to become incorporated in a patient's treatment plan.

Redevelopment and Economic Development

The City of Minneapolis supports special tax increment legislation to assist with the redevelopment of the Upper Harbor Terminal.

Jobs and Workforce Development

The City of Minneapolis supports increased funding for youth employment programs, including the Minnesota Youth Program and the Youth Workforce Development Grant Program to ensure that youth, especially low income youth and youth of color, in Minneapolis and across the state have access to vital employment opportunities that create pathways for successful careers.

Eliminating Racial Disparities

The City of Minneapolis supports state-level policy and funding proposals that work to eliminate racial disparities in the areas of Early Childhood Education, Public Health, Housing, Building Wealth, Workforce Development, Employment Access, Capital Investments, and Certification, Procurement, and Business Development.